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(A) ANY HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENT OF TAXES ON PREMIUMS UNDER SECTION 136 OF ARTICLE 81 OF THIS CODE.

[[(B) EVERY NONPROFIT HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION OPERATING SOLELY AS A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS EXEMPTED FROM ALL STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL TAXES THAT CHARITABLE AND BENEVOLENT CORPORATIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYING, EXCEPT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS ON REAL ESTATE. PREMIUMS RECEIVED BY AN INSURER UNDER POLICIES PROVIDING HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION BENEFITS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PREMIUM TAX IMPOSED UNDER ARTICLE 81, SECTION 136 OF THIS CODE TO THE EXTENT OF THE AMOUNTS ACTUALLY PAID BY THE INSURER TO A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION WHICH IS EXEMPT FROM TAXES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION OR TO THE EXTENT THE PREMIUMS HAVE BEEN PAID BY A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM TAXES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.]]

(B) NO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION IS EXEMPTED FROM ANY STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL TAXES SOLELY BY REASON OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, EXCEPT THAT PREMIUMS RECEIVED BY AN INSURER UNDER POLICIES PROVIDING HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION BENEFITS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PREMIUM TAX IMPOSED UNDER ARTICLE 81, SECTION 136 OF THIS CODE TO THE EXTENT OF THE AMOUNTS ACTUALLY PAID BY THE INSURER TO A NON PROFIT HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION OPERATING SOLELY AS A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION OR TO THE EXTENT THE PREMIUMS HAVE BEEN PAID BY SUCH A NON PROFIT HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.

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(A) THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO:

(1) AUTHORIZE ANY PERSON, OTHER THAN A DULY LICENSED PRACTITIONER OF A HEALING ART, ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS LICENSE, TO ENGAGE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN THE PRACTICE OF ANY HEALING ART; OR

(2) AUTHORIZE ANY PERSON TO REGULATE, INTERFERE, OR INTERVENE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANY PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND THE PATIENTS OF THE PROVIDER.

(B) ANY HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION OPERATING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED THEREBY TO ENGAGE IN THE CORPORATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

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